

NEW WITNESS IN ROSENTHAL CASE HAS DISAPPEARED

Whitman Seeks Missing Man
in Philadelphia—His Testimony Important.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Another witness for the State in the Rosenthal murder case has mysteriously disappeared, according to information received at the office of District Attorney Whitman. The man's identity was not revealed, but the value of his testimony to the prosecution is of such importance that detectives were dispatched to Philadelphia on a tip that he had gone there, with instructions to bring him back if they located him.

The man has been missing for several days, and his absence appears to have caused considerable anxiety at the district attorney's office, as he is said to be in a position to give sensational evidence bearing upon the alleged gambling graft operations of Lieut. Charles Becker, accused of investigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

In view of the sudden departure for Europe of Thomas Coupe, another witness, and the mysterious absence of Frank Walsh, also a witness, suspi-

cions were expressed at the district attorney's office tonight that influence was being exerted to get as many State witnesses as possible out of the way before Becker's trial, scheduled to begin September 10 or 11.

The last witness reported missing is said to have been one whom the district attorney has been keeping in the background to spring as a surprise at the trial of Becker, as he has not testified before the grand jury. His testimony would help to establish a motive, it was said, for the killing of Rosenthal in connection with Becker's alleged relations with the gambler.

In gathering evidence for the proposed John Doe investigation of police alliance with gambling and disorderly resorts, it was stated today by one of the district attorney's assistants that the so-called "vice trust" of thirty-two disorderly houses raided August 15 had set aside the sum of \$50,000 out of its profits as a corruption fund for the "delivery" of the district attorney.

Although a number of these houses reopened after the raid, which was conducted by Assistant District Attorney Smith and agents of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, they recently closed again. Fear of a repetition of the raid from the district attorney's office is the reported reason.

The \$50,000 raised represented, it was said, one week's receipts of the inmates of the thirty-two houses operated by the trust, who during that time were compelled to give up to the "syndicate" their personal profits. Through subterranean channels word was conveyed to the district attorney's office that the \$50,000 was forthcoming in payment for the privilege of operating without molestation.

It was said that nothing was feared by the "syndicate" from the police. Detectives from the district attorney's office are said to be "negotiating" with the heads of the "trust" have procured evidence of the proffered bribe, it was said, which would be presented during the John Doe proceedings.

WOMAN STRUCK BY STREET CAR LIES IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Firemen Carry Her to Hospital, Where She Is Feared to Be Dangerously Hurt.

Miss Wilhelmina Kern, of 658 K street northeast, was severely injured at 8:30 o'clock this morning, when she stepped in front of a big City and Suburban car on New York avenue northwest, and was hurled to the ground. Miss Kern passed around the rear of an eastbound car from which she alighted at Kirby street, and stepped on the track immediately in front of a westbound car she did not see approaching. The front platform of the car struck her on the right side, throwing her several feet.

The young woman was picked up unconscious and bleeding from a deep cut in the forehead, by Captain Beers, of Truck Company, No. 4, which is stationed near by on New York avenue. Captain Beers assisted by two of his men took her to the Homeopathic Hospital.

The full extent of her injuries has not yet been determined. Physicians

there say that she may have a fractured skull, or internal injuries. Miss Kern lives with her aunt, Mrs. James Mather, at 658 K street northeast. Her parents are in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Mather went on an outing today and have not been notified of the accident.

A policeman called at the house shortly after the accident occurred today and neighbors volunteered to reach an aunt of Miss Kern, Mrs. Matchett, of Mt. Rainier.

Man Hit by Car Fails to Rally as Friends Expected

Philip M. Knox, who was knocked down by a car on Pennsylvania avenue last night, is in a serious condition today at Emergency Hospital. Physicians there fear that he is injured internally. After an operation for a compound fracture of the jaw last night, it was hoped that he would rally today, but he shows no improvement.

Knox, who is an employee of the District, was on Pennsylvania avenue, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, last night with two friends. He left them on the north curbing and ran across the street to catch an eastbound car stopping at Twelfth street.

He ran in front of a westbound car and was knocked down, his head striking the headlight, when the fender took his feet from under him. Motorman W. Brown dropped the wheel guard, and this dragged Knox thirty feet before the car could be stopped.

Knox lives at 821 Duke street. Alexandria. Members of his family have been with him at the hospital most of the day.

WOMAN INJURED AS MOTOR CARS CRASH IN DARK

Miss Ruth Cohen Victim of Peculiar Accident on Sixteenth Street.

Maurice Elsemann, of 1126 Seventh street northwest, and Miss Ruth Cohen, of 2146 Wyoming avenue northwest, were injured last night, in one of the most peculiar motor crashes that has ever occurred in Washington.

A demonstration car driven by Mr. Elsemann, and a big seven-passenger touring car, owned by Edwin Marden, and driven by Anton Lloyd, colored chauffeur, met head on at the top of Sixteenth street hill, near Decatur street. The impact of the machines was so great that it was impossible to pry them apart. Miss Cohen was thrown through the windshield of one car and into the other machine. She was painfully, though not seriously, hurt. She is suffering principally from shock in the Cohen home on Wyoming avenue today.

Mr. Marden, Mrs. Marden, and their two children, passengers in the bigger car, were not injured, though they suffered from shock. The escape of the

occupants of the two cars, particularly Miss Cohen, is considered remarkable. The collision occurred at about 11:30 o'clock last night. Mr. Elsemann and Miss Cohen had been out for a spin around the reservoir, and were returning home. They were coming down Sixteenth street, and the Marden machine was going north, bound toward the Marden home at 4843 Sixteenth street. Mr. Elsemann, who is a demonstrator for the car, declared today that he can not account for the accident. "Either the lights on the Marden machine were out, or by some strange freak we did not see them," he said. "The first either of us knew of danger was when the crash came. Both machines were about in the middle of the street. We were both looking straight ahead, but neither of us saw the Marden machine or any lights on it. I am told that the occupants of the Marden machine saw our lights. It seems that the lights on the other machine must have gone out. Both machines were going at a moderate rate of speed, not more than fifteen miles an hour."

Accuses Wife of "Stealing Out Nights"

A charge that his wife, Rosaline B. Thomas, "stole out nights," to meet other men is contained in a petition for an absolute divorce filed in the District Supreme Court yesterday by Herbert Thomas, a machinist.

Thomas states that his wife went to Philadelphia and Atlantic City August 31, and at the latter place met a man who is named as co-respondent. On her return to Washington, he alleges, she wrote to the man in question and urged him to come here. The couple were married October 27, 1909, and have one child who was born two months ago. They separated in June. Attorneys Wilton J. Lambert and Rudolph H. Teatman appear for Thomas.

FIRE REVOLVER; SHAMS INJURIES; FOOLS DOCTORS

Husband Gets Free Ride to Hospital, But Is Apparently Well.

WILMINGTON, Del., Sept. 1.—George Cook, aged forty-five years, driver for an ice company, according to the police patrol crew, his wife and hospital physicians, should have been an actor by profession.

Cook, following a quarrel with his wife, sent her for a package of cigarettes and as she left the house she rushed back and found her husband walking the floor, holding his stomach and moaning. On the floor lay the weapon. Cook appeared to be unable to talk and Dr. Frank Virdin was summoned.

Cook told the physician he shot himself but he refused to allow him to touch him. He instructed his wife to pay the doctor for the visit. Dr. Virdin then notified the police and the patrol was sent to the house and Cook placed in it. At the hospital the internes examined him but found no wounds and although Cook screamed when they touched his body, the physicians concluded that he was shamming.

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